

Transportation Use Measurements

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These documents reflect citizen opinions, transportation patterns and other trends in Boulder.

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Modal Shift Report

The Modal Shift Report documents the results of the biannual travel diary survey administered by the Audit and Evaluation Division of the city. This survey has been conducted since 1990 and asks representatives from more than a thousand households in the Boulder Valley to track all their trips greater than two blocks in length for a 24-hour period. This report tracks changes in the number of trips, trip type and characteristics, and mode of travel used over the years for Boulder Valley residents. Trip characteristics are also compared to regional and national data and are reported by standard demographic characteristics such as age, sex, student, owner/renter, type of housing unit, income, and car, bike and Eco Pass availability.

- Modal Shift Report 1990 - 2003 (1.81 MB)

- Executive Summary (118.19 KB)

- Modal Shift Report 2000 (1.24 MB)

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Citizens Transportation Survey

Since 1997, the city has conducted the Annual Transportation Survey of Residents in the fall to assess citizen's opinions and experience relative to the transportation system. The first part of the survey asks a standard set of questions relating to the transportation challenges facing the community, the citizen's experience in getting around town, and their rating of various aspects of the transportation system. The second part of this survey focuses on a topical area of interest to the city, and has included neighborhood traffic mitigation, photo enforcement, traffic signals and transportation financing. This report tracks the changes in citizen opinion over time, and reports results by standard demographic characteristics such as age, sex, student, owner/renter, type of housing unit, income, and car availability.

- Annual Transportation Survey of Residents - 2001 (3.98 MB)
- Annual Transportation Survey of Residents - 2000 (1.29 MB)
- Annual Transportation Survey of Residents - 1999

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Boulder Valley Employee Survey

The Boulder Valley Employee Survey (BVES) is a biennial survey of employees who work within the Boulder Valley. The BVES was designed to tap an important dimension of travel behavior within Boulder, that of employees who work in Boulder, but may not necessarily live here. The first survey of Boulder Valley employees' transportation habits was conducted in the summer of 1991. This report tracks changes in the number of trips, trip type and characteristics, and mode of travel used over the years for Boulder Valley employees. Trip characteristics are also compared to regional and national data and are reported by standard demographic characteristics such as age, sex, owner/renter, income, distance from work, city of residence, job requirements, and car, bike and Eco Pass availability.

- Boulder Valley Employees Survey - 2005 (.97 MB)
- Boulder Valley Employee Survey - 2001 (2.98 MB)
- Boulder Valley Employee Survey - 1999

Downtown Boulder Employees and the University of Colorado

A similar survey to the BVES was also conducted for downtown Boulder employees in the fall of several years. For the 2005 survey, the downtown survey was combined with the BVES to achieve cost savings. The University of Colorado also joined the effort and the study was expanded to include a survey of students, faculty and staff on the Boulder campus. The same set of questions, with slight variances, was used for all of the study groups in 2005 to allow for comparisons (Comparison of Transportation Survey Results 589.61 Kb) and to realize cost-efficiency savings. Each survey was paid for and managed by the individual agency. The resulting reports for downtown Boulder employees, CU students and CU faculty/Staff are listed below.

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CU Faculty and Staff 581.83 Kb

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CU Students 495.10 Kb

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Downtown Boulder Employees 765.16 Kb

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Annual Report

The Annual Report is an effort to bring together all the data collected by the city related to transportation and evaluate this data relative to the objectives of the 1996 TMP. The Jan., 2001 Report has three chapters: Introduction and Background; Transportation Metrics Report; and Transportation Division Work Efforts and Conclusions. The first and third chapters are written by the Transportation Division and are intended to provide a context for the report, identify trends and changing conditions, report on work efforts undertaken by the Division, and the conclusions that we derive from the data. The second chapter is prepared by the Audit and Evaluation Division of the city and is a reporting of the data collected over more than ten years. The second chapter is available as the Metrics Report, a separate document (summary of Chapter 2 Metrics Report (16.95 KB)).

- [Transportation Annual Report of Progress - 2001 \(3.41 MB\)](#)

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